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DOJ: OJP PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES IN INDIAN COUNTRY

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, recently released a publication entitled "Office of Justice Programs Partnership Initiatives in Indian Country." Contact Norena Henry, OJP Indian Desk, at (202) 616-3205 or, through their website at-- <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/aian>

In response to the historically inequitable share of DOJ grant funds for Indian tribes, the Indian Desk and OJP offices are working together to expand and improve services in Indian Country. OJP is now a "partner in empowering American Indian and Alaska Native communities to improve the quality of life for Indian peoples and to build strong and healthy communities," according to the publication's introduction.

Among the DOJ programs and partnership initiatives described in the publication are:

- ⚙ **Boot Camp Initiative:** short-term confinement for nonviolent offenders, many of whom are substance abusers.
- ⚙ **Drug Court Grant Program:** discretionary grants to provide continuing judicial supervision of non-violent offenders and integrated administration of other sanctions and services.
- ⚙ **Operation Weed and Seed Indian Pilot Site Project:** \$600,000 FY '96 set-aside for pilot projects...Awards for Laguna Pueblo and Northern Cheyenne will be announced this spring.
- ⚙ **STOP Violence Against Women Discretionary Grant Program:** encourages development/implementation of law enforcement/prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women.
- ⚙ **Boys & Girls Clubs of America:** discretionary grants to BGCA in a nationwide effort to establish and/or enhance Clubs in public housing communities where there is a great concentration of poverty, crime and violence. In FY '97 \$1.25 million will be allocated for tribes to establish 10 new clubs and continue funding of 20 existing clubs.
- ⚙ **Native American Pass-Through Program:** OJJDP formula grant program that provides funds to Indian tribes to perform law enforcement functions pertaining to the custody of children.
- ⚙ **SafeFutures: Partnership to Reduce Youth Violence and Delinquency Program:** Discretionary grants that concentrate on a continuum of care to reduce the number of serious, violent, and chronic juvenile offenders, and gang prevention/intervention. Fort Belknap College was awarded \$900,000 in FY95 to support a 5-year SafeFutures project, the only one in Indian Country.

The publication describes many more programs, training and TA grants, conferences and publications. Check it out!

FUNDING AVAILABLE

AGENCY: EPA

PROGRAM: Pollution Prevention Grants & Financial Assistance Programs

FEDERAL REGISTER: Jan. 3, 1997

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$5 million in FY 1997 grant/cooperative agreement funds under Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS) grant program. The grant dollars are targeted at State and tribal programs that address the reduction or elimination for pollution across all environmental media: air, land, and water. Grants require matching funds. Contact: EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator.

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration

PROGRAM: Community Development Revolving Loan Program for Credit Unions

FEDERAL REGISTER: December 30, 1996

SUMMARY: The NCUA will accept applications for participation in the Community Development Revolving Loan Program for Credit Unions throughout calendar year 1997, subject to availability of funds. The purpose of the program is to assist officially designated "low-income" credit unions in providing basic financial services to residents in their communities which result in increased income, ownership and employment. The program makes available low interest loans and deposits in amounts up to \$300,000. Contact: NCUA, Office of Community Development Credit Unions, telephone (703) 518-6610.

AGENCY: Dept. of Labor

Indian tribes will soon be receiving nearly \$3.9 billion in grants from the DOL for Americans who have lost their jobs and need training or help in finding a new job. The grants are the foundation for the nation's network of job training programs and the public employment offices to serve job-seekers, dislocated workers, disadvantaged adults and at-risk youth.

Most of the grants will be available beginning July 1. Funds for the summer youth program will be released immediately so communities can begin to enter into financial agreements with schools, recruit employers to provide jobs, identify training supervisors, and begin outreach efforts.

For more information, call Tom Edwards of the Employment Training Administration at (202) 219-6871.